



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5321

February Session, 2014



AN ACT CONCERNING INTERPRETER QUALIFICATIONS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2014*) Not later than December 31, 2014,
2 the Commissioner of Rehabilitation Services, in consultation with the
3 Office of Protection and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities and the
4 Connecticut Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf task force on
5 interpreting, shall: (1) Develop a plan with the Commissioner of
6 Education to ensure that an adequate number of qualified interpreters
7 are available to assist students who are deaf or hard of hearing, and (2)
8 submit a report recommending (A) any new standards necessary to
9 ensure that an adequate number of qualified interpreters are available
10 to assist state residents, (B) a timeline to implement such new
11 standards, (C) a fee structure, if advisable, for interpreters to register
12 with the Department of Rehabilitation Services, and (D) methods to
13 monitor compliance with interpreter qualification standards. The
14 Commissioner of Rehabilitation Services shall submit such plan and
15 report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general
16 statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly
17 having cognizance of matters relating to human services and
18 education.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	New section
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HS *Joint Favorable Subst.*

ED *Joint Favorable*